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Unit 2 Test Study Guide: Constitution and Constitutional Foundations

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-Definitions

-Multiple Choice

-Short Answer

-Essay

Study:

-Class notes

-Homeworks

-Handouts

-Textbook: Chapters 2 and 3

1. Definitions/Matching: DEFINE these terms

Declaration of Independence:

Articles of Confederation:

Constitution:

Federalists:

Antifederalists:

Preamble to the Constitution:

Separation of Powers:

Checks and Balances:

Federalism:

Limited Government:

Popular Sovereignty:

Elastic clause:

Reserved powers:

Delegated powers:

2. EXPLAIN these topics (any of these could be multiple choice or short answer/essay questions):

1. Why the American colonies declared independence from Britain/specific acts that violated the colonists’ rights (ex. Stamp Act, Intolerable Acts, etc.)

2. How the Constitution “fixed” the problems of the Articles of Confederation

3. How the Constitution is a “bundle of compromises” (compromises made at the Constitutional Convention, including the Great Compromise and 3/5ths Compromise, as well as the Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, etc.)

4. Federalist versus Antifederalist arguments and debates in ratifying the Constitution (especially the importance of including a Bill of Rights)

5. Functions of the government as explained by the Preamble